

PROCLAMATION PATRIOT DAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, and a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the fourth hijacked aircraft crashed in southwestern Pennsylvania after passengers tried to take control of the aircraft in order to prevent the hijackers from crashing the aircraft into an important symbol of democracy and freedom; and

WHEREAS, these attacks were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, killing thousands of innocent people; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the attacks, the people of the United States stood in providing support for those in need; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2001, President Bush signed Public Law No. 107-89, designating September 11 as Patriot Day; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of North Dakota are encouraged to pause and remember the victims, heroes and all who were affected by the events of September 11, 2001; and

NOW THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I proclaim September 11, 2002, as **PATRIOT DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

Signed, John Hoeven Governor

Attested, Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State